

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pecos Watershed Pro-  
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND IN PECOS WATER-**  
7 **SHED AREA, NEW MEXICO.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL LAND.—In this sec-  
9 tion, the term “Federal land” means the Federal land de-  
10 picted as “Pecos Withdrawal” on the map entitled “Pecos

1 Watershed, upstream of I-25 Mineral Withdrawal” and  
2 dated September 1, 2020.

3 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
4 ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal  
5 land is withdrawn from all forms of—

6 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
7 public land laws;

8 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
9 laws; and

10 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-  
11 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.